John Kenneth Turner—Opens Fire on Government Gunmen

Here follows the introductory article of the "Government by Gunmen" series. In investigating these facts John Kenneth Turner risked his life, as he tells in his own words. Anyhow, he has written the Appeal urging us to suppress this series if we valued Turner's life. But the author of "Barbarous Malice" and the Investigator of West Virginia and other recent labor matters has to say that he believes that the equality given to this series will not only protect him but all who are in danger of being killed. The Appeal is the beginning of the "Government by Gunmen" series. And every week for nearly half a year we shall bring before the public the stranger instances in which this series is meeting with the determined opposition of the government. The Appeal feels that the first and most important duty is to warn the public. It must be done—will be done.

BY JOHN KENNETH TURNER

In the county jail at Marysville, Ohio, a short time ago, I talked with two young workmen who were on trial for murder. A jury of twelve men—not workmen—has since declared they were guilty of murder. Yet the judge has sentenced them to imprisonment at hard labor for the rest of their natural lives. Yet these two workmen had not committed murder. They were guilty, if anything, of attempting to kill nobody.

In the county jail at Wabash, Illinois, a short time ago, I talked with a young workman who is awaiting trial for murder. This young workman had been permitted to give bail. He has been in jail for many weeks before he can regain his liberty. If convicted, he may be hanged.

In the superior court in the city of Kenoah, Wash., a short time ago, I talked with two young workmen in the trial of a workman charged with transporting dynamite in violation of the law. A jury of twelve men—not workmen—has since declared he was guilty and a judge has sentenced him to imprisonment at hard labor for five years.

In a ball in Hakoosh, Mich., a short time ago, I heard workmen, workmen's wives and workmen's children, tell a committee of congressmen of invasions of their homes, of being threatened with death by men who had been employed by them as workmen, and who were probably to be replied to by their will to go to work in mines, of their being engaged with guns and beating or threatening unnamed. Yet none of these workmen or women had violated any of the statutes of the state or county. These working people were arrested, assaulted, robbed, invaded, outraged in a hundred ways, and some of them were killed, solely because they were on strike. They were victims of a reign of terror deliberately framed up by a ring of rich employers—in which frame-up private detective agencies played a necessary part.

In the state of West Virginia, one year ago, I saw squads of private detectives pursuing penniless miners with guns and blacklists. A victim of this reign of terror was found, who later I saw him hunted with bruises, his clothes torn from his back. I myself was hunted; when my room was entered; once I narrowly missed a silencing shot.

In the county of Los Angeles, Colorado, only a few weeks ago, I saw squads of private detectives pursuing miners with guns and blacklists. Yet these people have been known to be the men who had been employed by them as workmen, and who were probably to be replied to by their will to go to work in mines, of their being engaged with guns and beating or threatening unnamed. Yet none of these workmen or women had violated any of the statutes of the state or county. These working people were arrested, assaulted, robbed, invaded, outraged in a hundred ways, and some of them were killed, solely because they were on strike. They were victims of a reign of terror deliberately framed up by a ring of rich employers—in which frame-up private detective agencies played a necessary part.
Not In Mexico But in Colorado

From the New York World.

BOYCOTT ON DENVER NEWS.

DENVER, Colo., April 30. — The Deseret News, the leading newspaper of the state of Utah, has issued a call to its readers to boycott the Rocky Mountain News (Denver, Colo.) on the ground that it has published a letter from a man who is said to be on the way to Mexico, and that the letter advocates boycotting the Deseret News. The Rocky Mountain News has published a statement denying that the letter was ever published, and that the newspaper has not received any such letter. The Deseret News has also published a statement saying that it will not publish any more letters from the man who is said to be on the way to Mexico.

PROTEST IN NEW YORK.

Five Thousand Denounce Ludlow’s Massacre At Denver.

A meeting was held in New York City last night to protest against the Ludlow Massacre. The meeting was called by the New York Labor Union, and was attended by a large number of labor organizers and socialists. The speakers included W. E. B. Du Bois, who said that the Ludlow Massacre was a tragedy that would make the whole country remember it. He said that the Ludlow Massacre was a black mark on the record of the United States, and that it was a disgrace to the nation. The meeting ended with a resolution condemning the Ludlow Massacre and calling for an end to the violence.

MEANING OF PROTEST.


New York, April 30. — The state of New York has decided that John D. Rockefeller Jr. should be held responsible for the Ludlow Massacre. The state has filed a suit against Rockefeller, claiming that he was responsible for the massacre. The state's attorney general, Franklin D. Roosevelt, said that the evidence against Rockefeller was overwhelming. He said that Rockefeller had a history of violence and that he had been involved in numerous labor disputes in the past. Roosevelt said that Rockefeller had a reputation for brutality and that he had been known to use violence as a means of settling labor disputes.

For Rockefeller or the State, a Decision to Be Made.

Mr. Roosevelt, speaking at a meeting in New York City last night, said that the decision whether to proceed with the trial of John D. Rockefeller Jr. would be made in the near future. He said that the decision would be made after the state had gathered all the evidence it needed. Roosevelt said that the trial would be conducted in a fair and impartial manner, and that the state would do everything possible to ensure that justice was done. He said that the state would not be intimidated by the powerful interests that were behind Rockefeller.

National Union, in Its Year-End Report, Blames Rockefeller.

The National Union, in its year-end report, has blamed John D. Rockefeller Jr. for the Ludlow Massacre. The report states that Rockefeller had a hand in the massacre, and that he had a history of violence. The report states that Rockefeller had a reputation for brutality and that he had been involved in numerous labor disputes in the past. The report states that Rockefeller had a history of violence and that he had been known to use violence as a means of settling labor disputes.

Two Hundred Victims.

West Virginia's Mine Disaster. 304 Men Were Killed In the Black Wall Mine, in Kanawha County, W. Va. — The disaster in the Black Wall Mine, in Kanawha County, W. Va., has claimed the lives of 304 men. The mine was owned by the Consolidated Coal Company, and the disaster occurred when a gas explosion occurred in the mine. The company has been charged with negligence, and a grand jury has been appointed to investigate the disaster. The company has been given 30 days to produce all of its records related to the disaster, and if it fails to do so, it will be charged with contempt of court.

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 JUST TO TRY
Coroner's Jury Puts Blame on Militia

Trinidad, Colo. — The coroner investigating the Laville homicide went ahead yesterday in the furtherance of his inquiry to two armed men who are on a jury investigating the Laville case.

Dr. J. W. B. Stettler, coroner, who is conducting the investigation, issued a warrant for the arrest of two men who are now in military service.

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MOTHER JONES PRAISES Turner's Gunnem Articles

Henry D. Rubens, 0. 0. 0. 0. 0.

Dear Mr. Dunn: You have been artful in your comments upon the articles by Mr. Turner, but your criticism is not valid.

I have been studying the situation carefully, and I am convinced that Mr. Turner has made a thoroughly excellent analysis of the problem. His articles are clear and concise, and they are based on sound principles.

I congratulate you on your efforts to present a balanced view of the matter, but I believe that your criticisms are not adequate. You have failed to recognize the great importance of Mr. Turner's work, and you have not given adequate credit to his contributions.

I am convinced that Mr. Turner's articles are of great value, and I am confident that they will be widely read and studied. I hope that you will continue to support his work, and I believe that you will find it rewarding.

Sincerely yours,

MOTHER JONES